

## THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Mar. 14.—(Forecast)—Oklahoma generally fair Sunday and Monday, not much change in temperature. Tulsa, Mar. 14.—The temperature maximum, 63°; minimum, 40°. South winds and clear.

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## MELTON CASE LOOKS LIKE A MISTRIAL

JURY REHEARD EARLY THIS MORNING WITHOUT REACHING VERDICT

## REPORT THIS MORNING

Jury Deliberated From 10 o'clock Until 1:30 This Morning Without a Result.

With indications pointing to a "hung" jury, the twelve men who will decide the fate of Ernest Melton, young barber charged with the murder of Justice or the peace, W. L. Gilcrease at Bixby last fall, went to bed early this morning after deliberating since 10 o'clock Saturday night.

Once the jury returned to the superior court room and asked for additional instructions but this appeared to have no result and at 1:30 they decided to retire. They will report to special Judge W. J. Gregg who tried the case at 10 o'clock this morning.

W. L. Gilcrease, a justice of the peace, at Bixby, Okla., was murdered between one and two o'clock on the night of November 28, 1913, following a card game in the rear of a little store, in which Melton was participant. He was shot three times, once in the neck of the head and twice in the arms.

Gilcrease and Melton had a dispute over the card game during the progress of it, at which time Melton was told that if he got too smart with him he would stamp his master out. Later Melton went to the home of his employer and asked for the keys to the barbershop, giving as his excuse that he wanted to get a deck of cards and at the same time borrowed his revolver with which he killed Gilcrease. He then returned to the store, where Gilcrease was busy at work on his books and the trouble was renewed, that resulted in the killing.

His body was found immediately after the deed was committed, but his slayer had taken in the hills and was not captured until the next day, when he attempted to board a prison train at Boynton, Okla., after having remained at night long in an effort to evade the posse that was on his trail.

The arrest was made by two detectives from Muskogee, after a reward of \$1,500.00 had been offered by Tom Gilcrease, a prominent oil man of Tulsa, and a son of the murdered man. Melton was brought to Tulsa and placed in the county jail, where he was held until his trial Thursday morning at 9:00 o'clock in the superior court, with Judge W. J. Gregg, of Tulsa, sitting on the bench as special judge in the case.

Melton at no time denied the killing, but always maintained that he did it purely in self defense.

The case went to jury at exactly 10:05 o'clock last night, following the argument of Prosecuting Attorney Pat Malloy, who argued the case for an hour and a half, in which he reviewed the case from eve to night.

The first arguments in the case began yesterday afternoon at about 5 o'clock, when Deputy Proseas J. E. Attorney Ed Crossland opened his statements for the state. He was then followed by Attorney Peak, of the defense, who endeavored to establish that from the fact that Melton was pursued by Gilcrease, it was evidence enough that he was justifiably defending himself.

Mr. Peak was then followed by Attorney Boone, for the state. He occupied less than an hour's time in argument, which was very forcible and to the point.

Carl C. Magee, chief counsel for the defense, was the next to be heard. His talk was from defensive standpoint on part of Melton, whom he warned the jury, was perfectly entitled in defending himself.

Melton's brother, from Jasper, Tex., was present all during the trial and closely studied each witness as they testified on the stand, both for the defense and for the state.

One of the most notable features of the trial was when Melton's brother met Tom Gilcrease on the outside of the court room and introduced him self, and the two sat on the rail in the corridor for 30 minutes, casting over certain phases of the trial. There appeared to be no ill feeling whatsoever between them, as smiles were seen to beam from their faces as the conversation would drift to some topic that did not pertain to the case.

## ACQUIT STATE OFFICIALS

Not Guilty of Embezzling Money From State Convict Fund.

MONTGOMERY, Ala., Mar. 14.—James G. Oakley, former president of the state convict department, charged with embezzlement of \$2,207 of state funds in one indictment, tonight at 8:30 o'clock was declared not guilty. In none of the four ballots cast was a vote cast for conviction.

The judge warned spectators against a demonstration, but Oakley's friends, who crowded the room cheered lustily. The jury retired at 8:30 o'clock this afternoon.

## NO DATE SET YET FOR WHITE HOUSE WEDDING

CONGRATULATIONS POURED IN  
TO MISS WILSON

Generally Believed That McAdoo and  
Miss Wilson Will Be Married  
Early in Summer

WASHINGTON, March 14.—Tele-  
gramas poured in at the White  
House today because of the announce-  
ment of the engagement of the presi-  
dent's youngest daughter, Miss Ele-  
na Wilson and Mr. G. McAdoo, sec-  
retary of the treasury. Many of Miss  
Wilson's friends called in person to  
congratulate her.

The White House is silent as to  
when the wedding will take place and  
what kind of ceremony it will be. It  
generally is believed, however, that the  
marriage will be performed at the  
White House early in the summer.

The belief also is that the wedding will  
be private, though "private" does not  
mean that it will not be an elaborate  
soiree function.

A rumor that Secretary McAdoo  
intended to retire from the president's  
cabinet after he becomes son-in-law  
to the chief executive was discounted  
at the White House. If he should re-  
sign, however, it is not believed he  
will do so before the work of organiza-  
ing the federal reserve system is com-  
pleted.

## WITNESS BRIBED TO GIVE FALSE EVIDENCE

WOMAN OFFERED \$1,000 TO GIVE  
EVIDENCE AGAINST LEO,  
M. FRANK

Other Affidavits Will Be Used in an  
Effort to Get New Trial for  
Condemned Man

ATLANTA, Ga., March 14.—The  
charge that she was offered \$1,000 if  
she would give testimony mimical to  
Leo M. Frank, Superintendent of the  
National Penitentiary company, under  
sentence of death for the murder of  
Mary Phagan, 14 year old factory  
employee, was made here today in an  
affidavit by Mrs. Matilda Miller.

Four other affidavits also were  
made public by counsel for the de-  
fense who are collecting information  
to be used in an extraordinary motion  
for a new trial. The general intent  
of the affidavits according to the de-  
fense is to show an attempt to man-  
ufacture evidence against Frank.

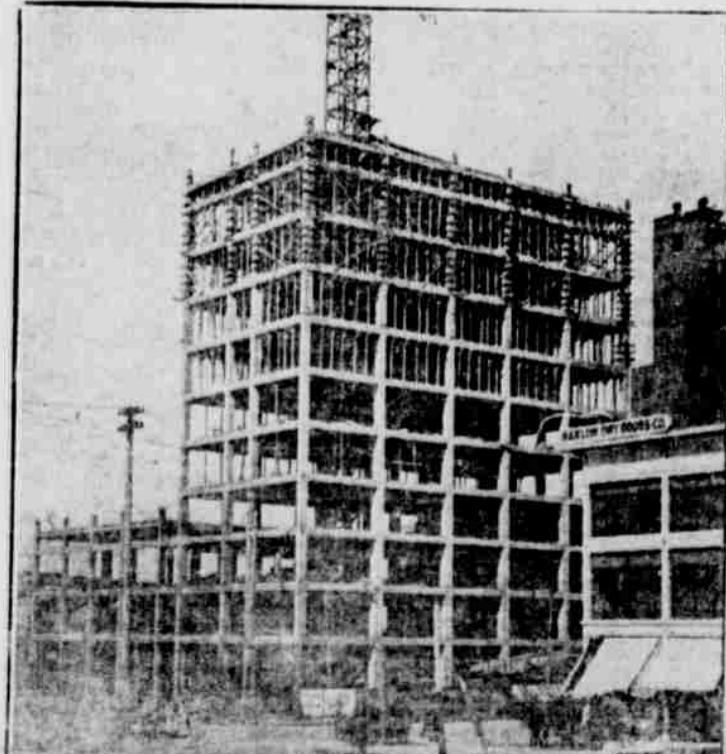
Mrs. Miller in her affidavit says  
she formerly worked at the National  
Penitentiary company, where she  
knew Leo M. Frank. According to  
her statement, a man told her that if  
she would testify that Frank made  
certain proposals to her she would be  
given \$1,000.

Prosecution officials tonight denied  
that they had any connection with any  
of the efforts set forth in the affidavits  
to obtain untrue testimony.

Miss Matilda Mae Pettis, one of the  
other four affiants, made affidavit  
that James Conley, the Negro factory  
employee convicted of being an access-  
ory after the fact in the murder had  
made advances toward her. The de-  
fense contends that Conley was the  
factory girl's murderer instead of Frank.

Frank today issued a statement refuting  
Newport Lanford, chief of detectives  
in the local police department, for the  
declaration attributed to him  
in which he said that Conley told the  
truth on the witness stand in Frank's  
trial and that other statements which  
might be obtained from the Negro now  
by private detectives would not be  
credited by him.

## Frame Work of the 10 Story Daniel Block Now Being Built at 3rd and Boston Streets



## 1,000 DROWN IN BIG TIDAL WAVE

SWEPT AWAY THREE TOWNS IN  
RUSSIA ON THE SEA  
OF AZOV.

## A VIOLENT HURRICANE

OVER ONE THOUSAND PERISHED IN  
TER-  
RIFIC STORM AND THE RE-  
SULTANT HURRICANE.

KRASNOYARSK, Russia, Mar. 14.—  
More than one thousand persons  
perished today in the inundation of  
the towns of Stanitsa and Achtyrskoia  
by a tidal wave from the Sea of Azov.  
The wave struck the towns during a  
violent hurricane, which swept the  
provinces of Kuban.

More than one hundred and fifty  
persons were drowned in floods in  
Yuzenikha.

A dam collapsed in the town of  
Tsimlyansk, on the Taman peninsula, 98  
miles northwest of this city, flooding  
the greater part of the city and drowning  
many persons.

The sea washed away three hundred  
and eighty buildings in Achtyrskoia.

Tsimlyansk is a historic town with a  
population of 16,000, once was the seat  
of a Turkish fortress, Adas.

The towns of Stanitsa, Achtyrskoia,  
and Yuzenikha do not appear on any  
available maps and probably are small  
places bordering on the Sea of Azov.  
The province of Kuban, in which the  
stricken towns are located, is in  
southern Russia and has coast line  
on both the Black sea and the Sea of  
Azov. The population of the province  
approximates about 2,000,000 persons,  
of whom two-fifths are Cossacks.  
The country is extremely fertile.  
Grain is cultivated extensively.  
Cattle breeding also is conducted on  
a large scale.

## ARREST THE CONSPIRATORS

Two Prominent Mexicans Charged  
With Conspiring Against  
Carranza

NOGALES, Sonora, Mar. 14.—Sen-  
ator Alberto Pine and Lic. Bonillas,  
secretary of fomento in the cabinet of  
the late President Madero, were ar-  
rested here late today charged with  
conspiracy against General Carranza,  
leader of the constitutionalists.

rumors that arrests of other promi-  
nent men would follow were current  
tonight.

## ORGANIZE A NEW COMPANY

Holders of Scrip in Southern States  
Cotton Company Decide on Plan  
of Action

DALLAS, Tex., March 14.—Holders of  
scrip in the Southern states cotton  
corporation recently placed in the  
hands of a receiver, voted overwhelm-  
ingly today to organize a new com-  
pany to buy and sell cotton as other  
factors do, the farmer to participate  
in the profits of the firm as stock-  
holders. Scrip holders voting in the  
meeting represented 475,456, in scrip  
of \$1,750,000 now outstanding. Of  
holders of the Southern states cotton  
corporation told the scrip holders that  
by dividing up the new company  
and continuing the business they  
believed the bankruptcy proceedings  
could be stopped. Farmers and mer-  
chants of Texas, South Carolina, Georgia,  
Alabama, Mississippi, Missouri,  
Louisiana and Oklahoma. The new  
company will recognize the holders of  
"A" scrip of the southern states cotton  
corporation as preferred creditors  
of the new organization.

JUDGE R. C. ALLEN

## THESE SHAW DAY

Yesterday was the second

day of 1914 and was observed as  
a holiday in another country. The  
first straw day, 2000 years ago,

was observed on the 14th.

It is the custom of the people

of the Shaw nation to

pay a visit to the

grave of their

ancestors.

They go to the

grave of